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) Examiner: Winder, Patrice L.
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) Group Art Unit: 2145
Serial No. 09/900,298)
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Filing Date: 5 July 2001)
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Title:	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ESTABLISH-)
	ING A QUORUM FOR GEOGRAPHICALLY)
	DISTRIBUTED CLUSTER OF COMPUTERS)

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- [x] Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed 28 June 2005.
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- [] Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F. R. § 1.321(c), including
 - [] check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
 - [] 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- [] Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and ___ references.
- [x] No additional claims fees are required.

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In response to the office action of 28 June 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page XX of this paper.